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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This request for information is mailed in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed January 30, 2013 (certificate of mailing date January 28, 2013), to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

Please submit the requested information within two (2) months of the mail date of this communication.

A petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee under 35 U.S.C. 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the delay was unintentional; (2) payment of the appropriate maintenance fee, unless previously submitted; (3) payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2).

Petitioner submitted a check for \$2,880.00 with the present petition. The current small entity $7 \frac{1}{2}$ year maintenance fee is \$1,450.00. The surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) is \$1,640.00. Petitioner paid only \$1,430.00 toward the surcharge.

Promptly submit the balance due on the surcharge -- \$1,640.00 - 1430.00 already paid = \$210.00.

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